Demands for the revival of Scooter India Limited

1550. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the employees of the Scooter India Limited, Lucknow who have been agitating since January 88 demanding for dropping the privatisation proposal and revival of the company within the public sector, met the Prime Minister on the 14th April, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister had assured them that the matter would be settled soon;

(c) if so, whether the proposal for the sale of this unit to Bajaj Auto Limited has been dropped; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to revive the company?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The reaction of the employees of Scooters India Ltd., to the decision of Government on the future of the unit has been taken note of by the Government. At present there is no change in this decision.

Result of Survey Work in Majuri, Assam by ONGC

1551. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has completed its survey work in Majuri, the biggest river island in Assam;

(b) whether the ONGC is hopeful of getting sufficient quantity of crude in that area; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Seismic data acquisition is still in progress, and hydrocarbon potential can be assessed only after total data acquisition and its processing and interpretation.

Setting up of more paper industries

1552. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more paper industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in order to meet the total requirement of paper; and

(b) whether some measures, based on Botanical Research, have been taken by Government to grow some other speedily growing plants to substitute bamboo for making paper pulp?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In addition to the existing installed capacity of 30.14 lakh tonnes at the beginning of 1989, an additional capacity of about 13.55 lakh tonnes for manufacture of paper and paper board has been approved by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent and registration.

(b) In the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, work has been carried out to find the suitability of other fast growing species as a source of pulp for pulp industries Species of Poplar and Eucalyptus have been found suitable for pulp.

Compensation to the Agriculturists in Duliajan by the Oil India Limited

1553. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land of some agriculturists in Duliajan area

has been acquired by the Oil India Limited for its own purpose and they have been evicted;

(b) what was the compensatory value of land per bigha which was given by the OIL previously and what value is being given to them now;

(c) whether OIL is agreeable to give employment to some evicted people on compensatory grounds; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Agricultural lands are acquired by Oil India Ltd. (OIL) for exploration purposes in Assam either by private negotiations with the owners or under the relevant acts and regulations. No eviction cases have been registered so far.

(b) The land value is being determined by taking into account the average value of the sale deeds of land, in the area of acquisition, over the last 3 years. The value of standing crops on the land acquired is worked out on the basis of information maintained by the State authorities.

(c) and (d) In addition to the land value and surface compensation for the land acquired, OIL has a policy of reservation of 40 per cent of unskilled jobs for the persons whose land has been acquired, subject to the fulfilment of necessary requirement standards.

Fulfilling the quota of SC|ST for petrol and diesel outlets

1554. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol and diesel outlets in the country;

(b) how many out of them have been allotted to persons belonging to Scheduled Caste|Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) what steps have been taken to fulfil the quota for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on 1.1.1989, 14313 Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealerships were operating in the country;

(b) Out of the existing 14313 dealerships, 545 belong to persons belonging to SC category and 177 dealerships to persons belonging to ST category;

(c) In all the Annual Retail Outlets Marketing Plans of the oil industry from 1980-81 to 1987-88, it has been ensured that a reservation of 25 per cent for SC/STs is maintained on State-wise/Union Territory-wise basis.

LPG agents in the country belonging to SC|ST

1555. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG agencies in the country at present;

(b) what is the number of LPG agencies belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to fill up the quota meant for SC|ST persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on 1-1-1989, 3456 LPG distributorships were operating in the country.

(b) Out of the existing 3456 distributorships, 408 belong to persons belonging to SC category and 148 distributorships to persons belonging to ST category.

(c) In all the Annual LPG Marketing Plans of oil industry from 1980-81 to 1988-89, it has been ensured that a reservation of 25 per cent for SC/STs is maintained on State-wise|Union Territory-wise basis.